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MINUTES of ORDINARY REGIONAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, September 8th, 2019
At: Bunyip Hall, 38 Main St, Bunyip

CONFIRMED

Meeting opened: 11.20am

Chair: Maddy Bissels (VER President)

Present: Jenny Miles(Milestead), Paul & Heather Gardner(Tarcoola), Marie Fitz-Gerald(Wenmar), Wendy Lyons(Wenmar), Kath Borrow(Kamry Park), Daphne Gregory (Chiverton), Lynda & Nic Holdsworth (Auravale), Greg & Jenny Bradshaw(Kelowna), Hans & Christine van Poppel(Joma), Wendy Talbot(Ralwental), Chris & Russel Pendlebury(Kellbury Park), Tammy Attenborough(Boolaroo), David Daddo(Pitchinga Ridge), Romaine & Vivian Blacker(Archello), Sue Hatfield(Ripplefield), Maddy Bissels(Esperance), Joy Skinner(Almora), Jonathan Provis-Vincent(Eulinga VCR), Lezley Golding(Stevley Park)

Apologies: Martin & Michelle Bissels (Moresby Farm), Julie & Tim Blake(Chanaka), Lynne Kimber(Talpacka) Annette & Keate Woodgate (Annkea), Louise Lazarus(Nil Desperandum), Jean Daddo(Pitchinga Ridge), Joanne & Robin Daniel(White Cloud), Trish & Sean Munley(Langsyne), Alison Welch(Westwind), Rachel Burnett(A), Kylie & Colin Taylor (Elm Park), Steve Golding(Stevley Park), Jen McDavitt(Merungle), Dorothy Stokoe (Kei Dor).

Minutes of previous ORM held on July 28th, 2019:

Confirmation of Minutes of Previous ORM, July 28th, 2019

Confirmed: Hans & Christine van Poppel ; Seconded: Greg Bradshaw; Carried

Business Arising from Minutes of Previous ORM:

1. Alpaca Week
 - VER secretary emailed AAA for details of support and available resources. No reply from AAA as yet.
2. Show Budget proforma
 - will be distributed to all show convenors
3. Fleece Boxes
 - have been purchased from Chris Preznik and will be used at Lardner Show.
 - will be stored in VER trailer
4. Light and sound systems
 - have been purchased and will be available for use at Lardner Show
 - smaller than old units so will free up storage in trailer
5. Upkeep of trailer
 - Committee will discuss at next meeting including disposal of old lights and sound equipment
6. VER Strategic plan
 - copy sent to AAA

7. Trailer panels

- no real resolution with AAA re storage and transport between show venues.
- Nick to continue discussions with AAA re more direct transport between Show venues and possible storage at Berwick

8. Lardner Show

- not enough fleeces close date extended to 9.00 Monday, September 9th
- 135 halter at present
- trades stalls in hall \$50 each
- silent auction of stud services
- need for help to setup on Thursday

Correspondence:

Inward:

1. Tammy Attenborough - ealpaca isn't showing all show results especially fleeces

Outward:

1. AAA – Lynda Holdsworth querying composition of fleece competition at Berwick show

Business arising:

1. Issues with ealpaca - AAA has been notified and issue is under resolution
2. Berwick Show – colour fleece issue is waiting for ruling response from AAA

Show of hands vote for Championship colour fleece at Berwick Show - all in favour

Show of hands vote for colour fleece show instead of age championship – all in favour

Treasurer's Report:

- Financials are same as ARM -and are on VER website
- AAA have not yet allocated money for Alex Show – no AAA response to email from VER
- Risks associated with Farmworld . Nick has contacted Farmworld and 25% deposit to be paid 2019 and balance in new year.
- Monthly auditing fee (\$110) being charged by AAA is exorbitant. Further investigation to be made re legitimacy and associated costings.
- Meeting voted not to pay until more investigation made and perhaps not until AAA Council meeting on January – Committee to discuss

Show Report:

Alexander Show (full report on website)

- 102 halter entries, 20 fleece entries from VER and VCR
- Profit of over \$800

Workshop report:

- Shearing Workshop to be held at Stevley Park on October 27
 - both suris and huacaya being shorn
 - discussion re equipment usage and maintenance
 - info email to be sent to other region
- Peruvian Workshop to be held VER and VCR – both sold out

General Business:

1. Farmworld

- March 26-29th, 2020
- entries on website due 31/12/2019 – only 3 or 4 days, no 2 days
- history sent out to all members
- VER to have stand

2. Website
 - has history page in Resources section
 - need some info re memorial trophies, etc
3. Shows
 - 5 shows held by VER
 - Discussion – Is there too many? Some clash with shows held in other regions – can some VER shows be combined
 - Consensus – VER shows well spread out in location and dates, well supported by regional members - so keep as is. Members have choice which to attend - VER or other?
4. Alpaca of the year
 - Discussion re qualifications for championship. Committee to review point system.
5. National Show
 - Victoria did well. Victorian alpacas were in much better condition than many from elsewhere
6. AAA worm investigation results
 - Info is free on-line
 - Investigation link to be emailed to VER members
7. Biomec wormer
 - good but outrageously expensive
8. Royal Melbourne Show
 - Volunteers need “Working with Children” - easily accessible, available online

Meeting closed: 12.40